

Privacy Office, Mail Stop 0655

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## SENT VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL TO: foia@americanoversight.org

Austin Evers American Oversight 1030 15th Street, NW Suite B255 Washington, DC 20005

Re: **2019-HQFO-00315** 

Dear Mr. Evers:

This is the electronic final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), dated January 24, 2019, and received by this office on January 25, 2019. You are seeking any **final version** of the draft report titled "Demographic Profile of Perpetrators of Terrorist Attacks in the United States Since September 2001 Attacks Reveals Screening and Vetting Implications", which was disseminated by Foreign Policy on February 5, 2018 and records reflecting any action taken by DHS related to the recommendations set forth in any draft or final version of the above-mentioned report, including records located in the offices of Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen, or any person acting in the capacity of Chief of Staff to the Secretary of Homeland Security (Date Range for Record Search: From 1/1/2018 to 1/24/2019).

We conducted a comprehensive search of files within the Office of Executive Secretariat (ESEC), the Office of the Chief Information Officer (CIO) and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) for records that would be responsive to your request. Unfortunately, we were unable to locate or identify any responsive records.

CBP responded to our search request that that although the draft version of the record originated at their office, that there is no final version of this record.

While an adequate search was conducted, you have the right to appeal this determination that no records exist within ESEC, CIO, and CBP that would be responsive to your request. Should you wish to do so, you must send your appeal and a copy of this letter, within 90 days of the date of this letter, to: Privacy Office, Attn: FOIA Appeals, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, 245 Murray Lane, SW, Mail Stop 0655, Washington, D.C. 20528-0655, following the procedures outlined in the DHS FOIA regulations at 6 C.F.R. Part 5 § 5.8. Your envelope and letter should be marked "FOIA Appeal." Copies of the FOIA and DHS FOIA regulations are available at <a href="https://www.dhs.gov/foia">www.dhs.gov/foia</a>.



Provisions of FOIA allow DHS to charge for processing fees, up to \$25, unless you seek a waiver of fees. In this instance, because the cost is below the \$25 minimum, there is no charge.

Additionally, you have a right to seek dispute resolution services from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) which mediates disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. If you are requesting access to your own records (which is considered a Privacy Act request), you should know that OGIS does not have the authority to handle requests made under the Privacy Act of 1974. You may contact OGIS as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

If you need any further assistance or would like to discuss any aspect of your request, please contact the analyst below who processed your request and refer to **2019-HQFO-00315**. You may send an e-mail to foia@hq.dhs.gov, call 202-343-1743 or toll free 1-866-431-0486, or you may contact our FOIA Public Liaison in the same manner.

Sincerely,

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